

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

RAYMOND HUBBARD,

Plaintiff,

v.

ACCEL SCHOOLS LLC et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:24-cv-01127-TL

REQUEST FOR BRIEFING


This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. The Court notes that two similar cases in this Court, *Branson v. Washington Fine Wine & Spirits, LLC* and *Kent v. Tech Mahindra (Americas) Inc.* have been stayed pending the disposition of a certified question to the Washington Supreme Court in *Branson*. See *Branson v. Wash. Fine Wine & Spirits, LLC*, No. C24-589, 2024 WL 4510680, at *2 (W.D. Wash. Aug. 20, 2024); *Kent v. Tech Mahindra (Americas) Inc.*, No. C24-1168, Dkt. No. 26 at *6 (W.D. Wash. Nov. 18, 2024). On October 10, 2024, the Washington Supreme Court accepted the certified question for consideration. No. 103394-0, 557 P.3d 253 (Wash.). Oral argument has not yet been scheduled. The certified question is:

1 What must a Plaintiff prove to be deemed a “job applicant” within
2 the meaning of RCW 49.58.110(4)? For example, must they prove
that they are a “bona fide” applicant?

3 *Branson*, 2024 WL 4510680, at *1; *see also Branson*, 557 P.3d at 254. The Court believes that
4 the certified question before the state supreme court poses the same question as raised in this
5 case.

6 Therefore, the Court ORDERS the Parties to submit a joint brief stating their respective
7 positions on whether this case should be stayed pending the Washington Supreme Court’s
8 disposition of the certified question now before it in *Branson v. Washington Fine Wines &*
9 *Spirits*. The joint brief SHALL be filed no later than **November 25, 2024**.

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11 Dated this 19th day of November 2024.

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14 United States District Judge
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